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BAR HILL NEWSLETTER

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The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents

New Residents

We welcome this month:

Mr. and Mrs. McLoughlin, 56 Pheasant Rise; ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Matin, 24 Pheasant Rise; ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Newman, 17 Pheasant Rise; ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Hall, 32 Pheasant Rise; ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, 55 Pheasant Rise; ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, 36 Pheasant Rise; ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Treasure, 19 Pheasant R. ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Rickard, 10 Pheasant Rise ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, 37 Pheasant Rise ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, 33 Pheasant R. ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, 38 Pheasant Rise ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, 54 Pheasant Rise ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Ryan , 16 Gladeside.

Thanks

Marion and Eric Lancaster, Gladeside, would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their kind enquiries about Ian and for the many "Get Well" messages sent to him whilst he has been in hospital. Our special thanks to the boys of the Village who have taken the trouble to write or enquire about him. We are very happy to say, he is now out of danger and we hope to have him home soon.

Bar Hill Parent Teacher Association

MAY DAY will be held on Saturday, 19th May; stalls will include Toys, Books, Bottles, Cakes, Plants, Grocery, Sideshows, Demonstrations, Crowning of May Queen. Make a date for SATURDAY, 19th MAY.

Parents

Please don't allow your children to damage the young trees in the Village in any way - especially in Plant-a-Tree-Year. Thank you.

Dog Owners

We have been asked yet again to request the co-operation of dog-owners in controlling their pets and in not allowing them to foul the playing-field and footpaths.

Pre-School Playgroup

We are having an Easter Coffee Morning on April 10th from 10.30 to 12 in the Church Centre. There will be a Nearly New Stall, Cakes and Sweets, and a lucky dip for the children.
Playgroup needs an Ekco baby bath stand: does anyone have one they wish to sell? If so, please contact Janet Hook, 23 Almond Grove, phone 80352.
The Mother and Toddler Group on Monday afternoons has got off to a good beginning. Next term we have a few vacancies, children of 18 months up to Playgroup age; older brothers and sisters may come along, and young babies can be accommodated. We have now opened a waiting list for this group. Details from Janet Bishop, 18 Acorn Avenue.

W.I.

Our A.G.M. will be held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday, 5th April in the School, when the last item on the Agenda will be voting on the disbandment of our Institute.
However, we are hoping to form a ladies' evening club, meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the School. The first meeting will be on Thursday, 3rd May, but please watch Forbuoys window for further details.

Infant Welfare Clinic

I shall be unable to continue ordering and selling foods at the Clinic, and if anyone would like to take over, perhaps they could get in touch with me. At present the Clinic is held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month in the Church Centre, but it will shortly be moving into the new Health Centre.

Penny Thrift, 12 Acorn Avenue (Crafts Hill 80407)

Greengrocery Deliveries

A mobile greengrocery shop will begin deliveries in the Village on 3rd April, and is expected to call once or twice a week.

National Gardens Scheme

The following gardens will be open to the public in April (from 2 to 7 p.m. unless otherwise stated):

Sunday 8th Fellows' Garden, Trinity College, Cambridge. Admission 10p.
Sunday 15th Fellows' Garden, King's College, Cambridge. Admission 10p.
Sunday 22nd Longstowe Hall. Teas. Admission 10p, children 5p.
Heydonbury, Heydon, Royston. Refreshments. Admission 10p, children 5p.
Sunday 29th Bell School of Languages, Red Cross Lane, Hills Road, Cambridge. (2-6) Teas.

Bar Hill Horticultural Society

The Garden Club has been lucky enough to get the Vice President of Cambs. Naturalist Trust, Dr. Max Walters, to agree to come and give a talk on Nature Conservation to our next meeting on Tuesday, 10th April at 8 p.m. in the School. This is an open meeting and all interested in conservation are invited to attend.
Members of the Horticultural Society are entitled to buy fertilisers, peat, etc. from the Trading Secretary, 1 Oatlands Avenue, on Sundays from 11.30 to 1 p.m. For those interested in growing lime-hating plants, e.g. azaleas, rhododendrons, we have peat blocks in stock. These can also be used to build a living wall - a wall with plants actually growing in it. Most garden sundries not in stock can be ordered.

Camera Club

Bruce Clark's slide show was a great success, and it was nice to see so many visitors. Thank you again for coming.
Our next two meetings will cover more basic aspects of photography. On April 6th we will be showing a Kodak slide lecture on processing black and white films and photographs, followed by a chance, for those who haven't tried before, to process their own films. We will be following up with a practical evening of black and white printing later this year. In May another two Kodak lectures, this time on taking better photographs.
All of our meetings are open to visitors and are held in the School. We don!t charge entry and we won't press you to join, so if your are interested please come.

Newcomers

Due to School holidays there will be no afternoon meetings during April. Our next meeting will be on 10th May in the Church Centre at 2 p.m. We are having a speaker from the Cambridge Evening News. Creche for children, as usual. We look forward to seeing all newcomers to the Village.

Cubs

The Cubs of the 1st Bar Hill Pack are looking for work! During the week April 21-28 they will be running their annual Job Week, and be out in force looking for chores in return for a donation to their funds.
The very worthwhile training given to members of the Scout Movement has to be financed, and we all know how the cost of everything continues to rise; as one would expect, the Cubs are prepared - to do something about earning cash for themselves! They want chores - not charity!
Every Cub taking part carries an official Job Card in which the householder should note the work done and the amount paid. Those who have no further jobs are entitled to ask for a "Job Done" window sticker, to prevent further calls. Each boy will have a list of the type of jobs we consider them able to cope with. Please do not ask them to do impossible jobs - there are only Cubs, no Scouts, and mostly aged 8 or 9.
We look forward to a warm and generous response - you will be helping these youngsters to help themselves. G. A. Craske, Cub Scout Leader

"Women on Women"

When Swavesey Village College put on the Extra-Mural Board class entitled "Women on Women" in January here in the Community School, it was in the nature of an experiment. Now that the 11-week course has ended, all of us who took part are agreed that it was successful and very enjoyable, and the high level of attendance and participation bears this out. We read one novel, by a contemporary woman novelist, each week and then discussed both the novel and the broader issues it raised; this meant that we were able to share not only our reactions to the novels but also personal views and experiences relating to our "feminine role" in life. These views were undoubtedly widened by the very varied personalities present, and the Bar Hill members were delighted to get to know both the discussion leader, Andrena Telford, whose approach was at once thought-provoking and unobtrusive, and three "outside" members who came regularly from Cambridge and Newmarket. Another course is planned for the autumn, and it is hoped that we shall welcome still more members then. G. Wills

New Bus Service Bar Hill to Cambridge

The new service to be introduced on 8th April will be an extension of the new Girton to Cherry Hinton Service number 191.

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The route will be Bar Hill, A604, Huntingdon Road, Chesterton Lane, Emmanuel Street, Regent Street, Gonville Place, Mill Road, Coleridge Road, Cherry Hinton High Street, Colville Road; from Cherry Hinton the route will be reversed, with the loop St. Andrew's Street, Sidney Street, Jesus Lane through the City Centre. On the inward route the setting down point will be Emmanuel Street, and on the return passengers will be able to board outside Boots.

Service	151	191	191	All 191			
Bar Hill (Oatlands)	07:09	08:02	08:54	Then at these	54	17:54	18:5
Emmanuel Street		08:28	09:20	minutes past	20 until	18:20	19:1
Cherry Hinton		08:50	09:42	the hour	42	18:42	19:4
Railway Station	07:40						

All 190 Service

Cherry Hinton	0708	0753	0853	Then at these	53		1753
Market Street	0732	0817	0917	minutes past	17	until	1817
Bar Hill (Oatlands)	0759	0844	0944	each hour	44		1844

There will not be a Sunday Service.

Report of the March Meeting of the Parish Council

Election of Parish Councillors 1973 Nomination papers can be obtained by anyone wishing to stand for the two newly-created seats on the Council from either: The Returns Officer, Chesterton RDC, Great Eastern House, Tenison Road, Cambridge; or myself at 2 Acorn Avenue. The completed forms must be returned to Chesterton by 12th May 1973.

Bar Hill-Dry Drayton Bridleway The County Surveyor cannot include this scheme in his estimates before 1974-75, when it would be considered along with other outstanding schemes and allocated a place on the list. There is also the problem of misuse of the path by farm machinery being driven along it. The Council has agreed to press for the work to be done as soon as possible.

The Central Area All residents should have received a statement of the Parish Council's views on the application. The matter will be considered at future Council Meetings as the saga unfolds. In the meantime, residents wishing to make their views known to the County Planning Department should write to The Southern Area Planning Department, Block A, Gloucester Court, Castle Hill, Cambridge, before the middle of April.

Other Planning Applications The Parish Council is re-submitting its application for change of use of the Playgroup Hut. The Bar Hill Developments application for 3 signs along the A604 was refused by the County Planners. Applications by S.P.I.T. Fixings and Cambridge Moped Services for shop-fronts were approved by the Planners. Applications by Dr. Prandy for an extension and by Mr. Chew for a factory unit were approved by the Council.

Best Kept Village Competition Bar Hill will not be competing in the 1973 competition.

T. Parrott, Clerk to the Council

Notice from the Developers

(1) Would parents please stop their children playing on the buildings of the new phases, as aprt from being dangerous considerable damage has been caused.

(2) Recently a large number of kitchen units were stolen from the site; if residents see anyone acting suspiciously, they are requested to phone the Police. A reward will be made for information leading to a conviction.

Labour Club

On 16th March the Bar Hill Labour Club held a wine and cheese party at the Church Centre, attended by 60 people. They heard Mick Farley, the prospective parliamentary Candidate, say the Labour Party had no policy that would enable greenbelt land to be taken over. He was critical of the present Government's inability to prevent escalating prices and house rents, and he maintained that a policy of confrontation in industry, at a time when the poor in this country were, in real terms, becoming poorer, is likely to play into the hands of militants and make reasonable wages settlements impossible, He appealed for a return to the true principles of the Labour Movement which hold that people matter, that there should be democratic control over all aspects of life, and that we should work towards the ideal of the brotherhood of all mankind.

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Nursery Education The main speaker of the evening was Renee Short, M.P. for Wolverhampton and President of the (National) Nursery Schools Association. Following the recent Government White Paper on Education, she chose Nursery Education as the subject of her speech, claiming this area of Education to be the most important, as this is where the real foundations are laid. She claimed that only by ensuring good beginnings would later problems, e.g., the amount of remedial teaching necessary in secondary schools, be reduced.

Mrs. Short said that 1 child in 10 in Britain has had nursery education since the last Labour Government provided money for this age group, and she expressed delight that Mrs. Thatcher appeared to have recognised the necessity for more provision. However, the £30 million provided in the Education budget is little more that the last Government was providing for the same purpose through its Urban Aid Programme, and is nothing like the minimal £100 million asked for by the Nursery Schools Association. LEAs have to send their requirements for Nursery provision to the Minister for Education by 18 May, and she urged that pressure be put on the Cambs. LEA by groups in towns and villages to ensure that our local needs are part of its plans.

Mrs. Short's arguments for Nursery Education, as for Pre-School Playgroups were: socialising, enabling children to do things that are not possible at home, so advancing physical expertise, and integration of the handicapped or immigrant child. She stressed the value to parents, not least in showing some how to play with their children.

Our nursery provision is far behind that of may countries, and relates to the ability of women to return to work once their children are old enough. To meet this need realistically something more ambitious than the conventional nursery class from 9 to 3 is necessary. Examples of fuller provision were cited - the Coventry Nursery Centre, and nursery education on factory premises; such provision would also help unsupported mothers to keep children who might otherwise have to be taken into care.

The present Minister has said that 15% of nursery places should be full-time; this is based on the 1967 Plowden Report and is no longer adequate; she has ignored the part of the Report stating that in Immigrant and other "Educational Priority" areas 50% should be full-time places. Mrs. Short ended by appealing for more Nursery Teachers and Nurses, and more money from the Exchequer to ensure that those who really need the places in Nursery Classes do get them.

Bar Hill Residents Association: From the Secretary's Notepad

Our Open Meetings seem to be an unqualified success, as we now finish promptly at 10.30 in the School; previously Committee members faced an inquisition from their wives when they staggered home at midnight. Our next meeting will be earlier than usual because of Easter: Tuesday, 17th April at 8 p.m. in the School.

Mr. Monty Nunn, the General Manager of Bar Hill Developments Ltd., recently attended a meeting with the Parish Clerk and myself; the following points were discussed: Paths (1) Fire Access, Acorn Avenue. One side of this path will be filled in to accommodate pushchairs, prams, etc. (2) Between 39 and 40 Acorn Avenue to Play Area. It was agreed to extend this path to link up with the existing path in the Play area, as this is now well used by Foxhollow residents on the way to the shops.
(3) Between 5 and 6 Gladeside This path is too narrow for some prams; the Developers will consider extending the path at the rear of nos. 1-5 Gladeside as an alternative.
(4) Main Spine Path, Shops-Playgroup Hut Pending better weather the relaying of this path has been left, as there would be no alternative path to the shops. We suggest that Residents should put up with this inconvenience for about 2 weeks, until the path is safer, and have requested that the work be started as soon as possible.
Roads Some roads in the Village will be adopted by the County Council for maintenance at the end of May. Sweeping We are advised that the Developers are responsible for general road maintenance and cleaning at present, and asked that these be swept more regularly. Fox Hollow, Pheasant Rise and Partridge Drive will not be covered by the mechanical sweeper for a while as the "top loose surface" is still "bedding in".
A604 Junction The Developers are considering altering the layout of the junction to make it safer, in conjunction of course with the County Highways Dept., so that the early start to the Flyover will not be prejudiced once A604 improvements are agreed.
The Mall In principle, a teak seat in memory of Mr. R. A. Burry will be sited at the entrance to the Mall. Communal Areas Mr. Nunn agrees to incorporate Play Areas in new Phases, and possibly in Phases 3 and 6 with the approval of local residents.
Rear Gates The Village was built around a system of spine paths, so we suggested that houses in 2b, 3 and 6 should have rear access to them; if you wish to provide your own gate,please apply in writing to the Developers. Motoring Association The organisation has been wound up due to lack of support; the BHRA has taken over their funds and tools, pending possible future re-formation; meanwhile BHRA members qualify for use of tools, and should apply to Mike Giddings, 21 Otter Close (80272) for details. Village Centre We have stated our basic objections to the proposed plan to the Planners: these are similar to those outlined by the Parish Council in its circular; we have also offered to carry out a full survey of Residents' wishes, and this will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting. New Residents' Coffee Evenings If you were unable to attend when invited, please feel free to come to our next meeting: School Lounge, 8 p.m., Friday, April 27th. Lay-bys in Acorn Avenue Please use the lay-bys provided and do not leave cars on the road overnight.

Kevin Read-Jones